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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM BY THE BELGIAN DELEGATION

EXPORT OF TELEPHONE CABLES TO THE USSR

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The Belgian Delegation wish to inform the Committee that they have been requested to approve an application for a licence to export to the USSR 1,800 kilometres of telephone and signal cables to be installed along a

railway track. The total weight is 8,600 tons and the value 250,000,000 frs (dollars 5 million). (Item 1526 on the International Lists.)

The request is justifiable since this cable presents none of the characteristics of communications cable in the normal sense of the term, but should be regarded rather as the ordinary accessory for the operation of any railway of which it is the vital modern tool.

The Belgian Delegation would be grateful if the Committee would give favourable consideration to this request which is submitted on an ad hoc basis.